

RENACCI, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. BARTON, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. YODER, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. BRAT, Mr. HURT of Virginia, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. HILL, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. KLINE, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. MULLIN):

H. Res. 604. A resolution recognizing the establishment of the Congressional Patriot Award and congratulating the first award recipients, Sam Johnson and John Lewis, for their patriotism and selfless service to the country; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H. Res. 605. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Office of Technology Assessment should be reestablished; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DENT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. LEE, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H. Res. 606. A resolution expressing support for designation of February 4, 2016, as National Cancer Prevention Day; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ROSS:

H. Res. 607. A resolution condemning and censuring President Barack Obama; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 4460.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia:

H.R. 4461.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The authority enumerated in clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 4462.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 (relating to the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.)

By Ms. ESTY:

H.R. 4463.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4464.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. DENHAM:

H.R. 4465.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically Clause 1 (relating to providing for the general welfare of the United States) and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress) and clause 17 (relating to authority over district as the seat of government), and Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4466.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 4467.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause I

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 4468.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: "to provide for . . . the general Welfare of the United States;"

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 4469.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 (to lay and collect taxes) and Clause 18 (necessary and proper)

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 4470.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 4471.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. YOUNG of Indiana:

H.R. 4472.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, to "provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States."

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 4473.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (the Property Clause).

Under this clause, Congress has the power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States. By virtue of this enumerated power, Congress has governing authority over the lands, territories, or other property of the United States- and with this authority Congress is vested with the power to all owners in fee, the ability to sell, lease, dispose, exchange, convey, or simply preserve land. The Supreme Court has described this enumerated grant as one "without limitation" *Kleppe v New Mexico*, 426 U.S. 529, 542-543 (1976) ("And while the furthest reaches of the power

granted by the Property Clause have not been definitely resolved, we have repeatedly observed that the power over the public land thus entrusted to Congress is without limitation.")

Historically, the federal government transferred ownership of federal property to either private ownership or the states in order to pay off large Revolutionary War debts and to assist with the development of infrastructure. The transfers codified by this legislation are thus constitutional.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

H.R. 4474.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 4475.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. BLUM:

H.R. 4476.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 6, Clause 1

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. CLAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 4477.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HUNTER:

H.R. 4478.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 12-14: To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years; To provide and maintain a Navy; To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 4479.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL:

H.R. 4480.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 4481.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

H.R. 4482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1—The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18—To make Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. PEARCE:

H.R. 4483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution